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first type;

securing the first disposable loading unit to the distal end of the elongated body;

moving the actuation handle to deform the at least one surgical fastener provided
in the first disposable loading unit;

removing the first disposable loading unit from the distal end of the elongated
body;

providing a second disposable loading unit having at least one surgical fastener of
a second type different from the first type;

securing the second disposable loading unit to the distal end of the elongated
body; and

moving the actuation handle to deform the at least one surgical fastener provided
in the second disposable loading unit.

REMARKS

Claims 20-32 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 1 has been canceled and Claims 20-32 have been added. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Claims now pending in this application Claims 20-32 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully

requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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